

Report on Public Hearing for ARM Title 10, Chapter 58, Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards

Friday October 31, 2014

10:00 AM

Conference Room, Office of Public Instruction

1300 11th AVE, Helena MT

12 individuals signed into the Sign in Sheet for this hearing.

Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director, Board of Public Education welcomed everyone and read the hearing script describing the nature of the hearing, review of Administrative Rule function, and the role of the Education and Local Government Interim Committee.

Mr. Donovan asked how many individuals were in attendance to testify as proponents. 2 people indicated they would testify as a proponent.

Mr. Donovan asked how many individuals were in attendance to testify as opponents. 4 people indicated they would testify as an opponent, though 4 testified in opposition.

1 individual testified as a neutral party.

PROPONENTS:

1. Mr. Eric Burke, MEA-MFT testified as a supporter of the amendments stating that the changes maintain the current system, leaving it as a comprehensive, world class system. The changes incorporate what is absolutely necessary especially Montana Indian Education for All, and the Broadfield endorsements.
2. Dr. Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana testified as a proponent of the changes. Dr. Miller stated that he was appreciative of the many educators and administrators around the state, including SAM participation, who helped draft the changes. Dr. Miller commented that the process also took into consideration the changes in Chapters 57 and 63 and that there is cooperation between the rules. He believes that Chapter 58 outlines what is needed for data. Dr. Miller made particular note of the ARM 10.58.705 which is well rounded for Superintendents in the field, and ARM 10.58.510 specific to students with disabilities. Dr. Miller commented that these two pieces were well written.

OPPONENTS:

1. Dr. Tim Laurent, University of Great Falls, VP of Academic Affairs and Angel Turoski, University of Great Falls testified as opponents to the changes in regards to 4 areas of concern: 1) Misplaced Authority, 2) Imposed Cooperation, 3) Burdensome Assurance System, and 4) Complex Standards (see letter in written comments).
2. Ms. Emily Kohring, Montana Arts Council testified in opposition to the removal of the Areas of Special Permissive Competency, ARM 10.58.537 specifically related to Dance.

3. Dr. Karen Kaufmann, Dance Professor, University of Montana-Missoula, testified in opposition of the removal of the Areas of Special Permissive Competency specific to Dance. Dr. Kaufmann gave specific examples of students who are currently enrolled in the program at the University of Montana and the work they are doing with students, as well as examples of students who have graduated with an ASPC in Dance.
4. Dr. Claudette Morton also testified in opposition to removing the Areas of Special Permissive Competencies. Dr. Morton stated that no one knew they were being removed and asked that the ASPC's be put back in rule, and that removal of the rule be postponed to a future date.

NEUTRAL PARTY TESTIMONY:

1. Ms. Beck McLaughlin testified that she agreed with the testimony heard in regards to the Dance ASPC.

No other parties testified and the hearing concluded.